Autopsy notes
Rifle, tests, etc.

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Today the resignation of Admiral George Burkley as White House physician was announced. His successor will not have nearly the interest in sitting on this stuff Burkley had, though without doubt he will want to. I suggest he be included among thos subpenaed because I do have receipts showing copies of the notes were in that office. Admiral Burkley got them from Admiral Galloway (right) head of Bethesda Navy Medical Center (not proper name). He gave them to Robert Inman Bouck, then head of Protective Research Service, Secret Service, White House.

The Secret Service should be supbeaned because

They were the first to have these notes, should have copies of all receipts and probably holograph copies other records, and they have or had a copy of the autopsy, one of the originals I forced out of their hands and into the archives (in Xerox); because the pictures and X-rays were actually, physically in their possession (a friend almost saw them in late 1966); because Inspector Kelley did show some of the pictures to Arlen Specter in Dallas-maybe subpena them for copies pictures?;

The FBI should be subpenaed because they had actual physical possession of all of the original evidence. Citation, Rankin staff memorandum in my possession. They gave the Archives (when they gave, that is, which is not always) xeroxes.

Rankin's exact words are, "The originals of all Commission exhibits are to be kept in the custody of the FBI". If I ever get the rest of my files reorganized, I even have the memos on how many of what kinds of copies the FBI was to supply the Commission for each of its needs. No, that is in this same memo. The date of the memo is March 10, 1964.

Besides that, Hoover testified the FBI would always keep this an open case, therefore he has to have a copy in his investigative files. I think I cite this testimony at the end of WHITEWASH II.

I think that for the record it might not be a bad idea to serve the Archives, for they are supposed to have these notes, by Humes' own testimony to which I have already referred you, in File 371 and Exhibit 397, but my own check, confirmed by the Archivist, is that they are not there or elsewhere in the Archives, to the best of his knowledge.

On the rifle (I didn't write an entire book about that so my memory is less certain, I think that you should subpena the original tests at Aberdeen Proving Grounds from the Army and FBI; that you should ask/subpena if necessary the National Rifle Association for the results of their testing and the FBI/Archives for their copies, that this should call for each version, all targets, timings, reports on and descriptions of any malfunctions; ratings of marksmen; work done on rifle; condition at time it got (Aberdeen had to put shims under the sight to make it work as I show in WHITEWASH).,I cannot tell you how I know, but I know the NRA tests proved the story was a hoax, that it could not have been done by one man, etc., and that they were terrified at what they had to cope with. The Aberdeen tests along prove that the best shots in the world couldn't duplicate the shooting attributed to Oswald, and this with infinitely better conditions, half the angle to the shot, all the time in the world for the first shot, still targets, and an overhauled rifle. If Colonel Folsom is still around, you might want to subpena him from the Marine Corps to testify that with Oswald's rating he was "a rather poor shot". If you want to have some fun with CBS, subpena their also phoney "test" and also much easier re-enactment. In about half the cases the rifle didn't work, and leaving this out they couldn't duplicate, either.